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EXPRESSING MinD OR MinE AND

AN EFFICIENT METHOD FOR

PLANT CHLOROPLAST

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 3, 2003, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows: A one-month extension of time has been requested and the corresponding fee paid extending the time period of response until April 5, 2004 (April 3 and 4, 2004 were a Saturday and Sunday, respectively).